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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS ON TOKAI AND ENERGY R&D

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1. IN REPLY TO REFTEL C, WE AGREE THAT THERE IS
CONFUSION OVER SCHEDULING OF TOKAI TALKS. IT HAS BEEN
OUR FIRM UNDERSTANDING, CONFIRMED BY MOFA BUT NOT BY
USG, THAT TECHNICAL TALKS ON FUTURE OF TOKAI WERE TO BE
HELD WEEK OF SEPT. 4 IN JAPAN. EXACT VENUE HAD NOT BEEN
DECIDED, AND DEPT. WILL RECALL THAT WE HAD RECOMMENDED
TOKAI MURA AS SITE. REFTEL C INDICATES THAT COMBINED
TOKYO/TOKAI MEETINGS DESIRED AND THIS HAS BEEN PASSED TO
GOJ.

2. FURTHER EXPLANATION OF REFTEL B IS REQUIRED. INFO
THEREIN WAS BASED ON DISCUSSION BETWEEN DOE REP AND PNC'S
DR. UEMATSU. UEMATSU HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH DR. LEARY
OF DOE. UEMATSU AND LEARY APPARENTLY ARE UNDER
IMPRESSION THAT TECHNICAL TALKS ARE TO BE PROVINCE OF
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DOE AND PNC AND CALIFORNIA VENUE WAS AGREED TO ON THAT
BASIS. FRANKLY, WE ARE PUZZLED BY UEMATSU'S ROLE IN THIS
MATTER. IN PAST HE HAS NOT BEEN CONCERNED WITH TOKAI MURA
BUT RATHER WITH ADVANCED REACTOR DEVELOPMENT AND HIS
CONTACTS WITH DOE HAVE BEEN IN LATTER VEIN. RATHER THAN
CAUSE FURTHER TURMOIL BY QUESTIONING PNC IN THIS REGARD,
WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD DEPEND ON PREVIOUS CHANNEL OF

COORDINATION, WHICH WAS WITH MOFA (YATABE, OHTA).
ACCORDING TO YATABE ON AUG. 16, MEETING WAS
FIRMLY SCHEDULED FOR TOKYO WEEK OF SEPT. 4, BUT GOJ
WASHINGTON EMBASSY ALSO REPORTED TALK ABOUT HOLDING
MEETING IN CALIFORNIA.

3. EMBASSY HAS HEARD INFORMALLY FROM DEPT. THAT FIRST
WORKING GROUP MEETING TO DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION OF FUKUDA
S&T PROPOSAL IS BEING PLANNED FOR WEEK OF SEPT. 4 IN
TOKYO AND THAT HIGH-LEVEL U.S. DELEGATION IS PREPARING
TO BE HERE AT THAT TIME. YATABE CONFIRMS THIS PLAN.
EMBASSY HAS PROBLEMS WITH TRYING TO MANAGE LOGISTICS AND
SUBSTANTIVE ASSISTANCE FOR TWO TECHNICAL GROUPS AT SAME
TIME. BOTH MEETINGS ARE IMPORTANT AND WE WISH TO HAVE
OPPORTUNITY OF BEING REPRESENTED BY OUR MOST KNOWLEDGABLE
STAFF, BUT THIS WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE UNDER PRESENT
CIRCUMSTANCES. WE ALSO POINT OUT THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY
HAS LIMITED PERSONNEL RESOURCES IN THIS REGARD. YATABE
HAS SAID THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN PREFERABLE TO HOLD
MEETINGS AT DIFFERENT TIMES AND IS LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITY
OF SLIGHT RESCHEDULING. DEPT. MAY HEAR FURTHER ON THIS
FROM GOJ EMBASSY OR US. MANSFIELD

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